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# The \$9-pack impact

**Saving the schools.** Mayor Michael Nutter says hiking up taxes on cigarettes and liquor by the drink will raise millions for the school district. **What about the rest?** Nutter says the city will improve tax collections, and the school district will still seek state funding to fill its \$300 million hole. **Can this actually happen?** Philadelphia City Council and State Assembly would need to approve the measures. PAGE 02



## The true cost of cheap labor

In a Metro exclusive, photographer Talima Akhter describes what it was like to be behind the lens of the disturbing image she captured when visiting the wreckage of the Rana Plaza garment factory in Bangladesh, which killed more than 1,000 workers last month. / TALIMA AKHTER

### DA: Gosnell case 'the most vile'

The prosecutor is glad the "squalor" of the trial behind the city. PAGE 04

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See the films we're buzzing about at this year's film fest. PAGE 18

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## NEWS

### Online

### Trending at Metro.us

**1** A piece on Greenland. "We'll mine for our independence."

**2** Taiwan-based Next Media Animation made a CGI video illustrating a story featured in Metro about a prostitution and cocaine bust at a New Jersey senior center.

**3** A new poll released says Americans don't really care for hipsters.

### Local tweet

"Why does government feel they can tax smokers and drinkers more when they need money? Mayor Nutter?"

@cems205 reacting to Mayor Nutter's tax plan to help fund the school district

### Parenting

## Drexel Hill man leaves baby for drink

A Drexel Hill man allegedly left his infant son in the car while he went for a drink at an Upper Darby bar, officials said.

James A. Lovett, 33, faces child endangerment charges after he allegedly left his 10-month-old baby alone in an unlocked, idling car outside Gambol's Bar about 8 p.m., April 19, officials said.

Lovett told a police officer called to the Garrett Road bar on April 19 that he was only inside long enough to consume half a beer. **METRO**

### Gambling

## Revel to allow smoking

Revel Casino will allow smoking on about 25 percent of its Atlantic City casino floor, which should be enacted in a few weeks, officials announced this week.

Officials approved the casino's plan to dump most of its debt in return to offer lenders a large ownership stake in the casino.

The company, which filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in March, will wipe out \$1.2 billion of its \$1.5 billion debt. **METRO**

### Murder

## Arrest made in DJ's death

Police announced yesterday that Joseph Murray, 18, of Reedland Street in Southwest Philadelphia, has been charged with the murder and robbery of a popular city DJ.

Thomas Watson, 36, was killed in the early morning hours of May 11.

Watson suffered a gunshot wound to the head and torso and died on the scene.

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Area schoolchildren protest at a meeting of the School Reform Commission outside of City Hall. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

# Cigarette, booze taxes could save area schools

**Pay up.** Mayor Nutter said the city could raise \$95M for the school district with taxes on booze, cigarettes and more.

Mayor Michael Nutter yesterday proposed tax increases on cigarettes and on liquor by the drink to raise money for the city's school district.

Nutter's proposal includes a \$2 tax hike on cigarettes, plus an increase on the liquor-by-the-drink tax from 10 percent to 15 percent. Along with plans for improved tax collections, the city expects to raise an estimated \$95 million for the school district, which faces a \$300 million deficit.

The liquor tax, which is expected to raise an estimated \$22 million, would go into effect July 1.

The cigarette tax, which would begin Jan. 1, 2014, is expected to generate \$45 million. Ciga-

### Where is the money coming from?

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- An increase on the liquor-by-the-drink tax from 10 percent to 15 percent is expected to raise an estimated \$22 million. It

would start July 1.

- Tougher collections on lease and occupancy, delinquent real estate, liquor by the drink and school income taxes would result in an additional \$28 million revenue.

### Quoted

"Those who might smoke and insist will unfortunately do so. I don't know that somebody is necessarily fleeing to the suburbs to get a pack of cigarettes." Nutter

rettes are not included in the city's current tobacco tax.

Tougher collections on lease and occupancy, delinquent real estate, liquor by the drink and school income taxes would result in an additional \$28 million, Nutter said.

"I propose these two use taxes because we

have raised general, broad-based taxes twice in the last two years on our residents and business owners, and we cannot, and should not, keep asking them for more," Nutter said.

Superintendent William Hite originally asked for \$60 million from the city, \$120 from the state and \$133 million in union

and non-union contract concessions to close the deficit. Hite said Nutter's proposal would not change the district's request from the state.

Hite said he was "thrilled" the city "identified a path" to fixing the budget hole.

Nutter said the city would need a "shared sacrifice" to help fund the schools. "We have to look at this in a comprehensive fashion. Everyone has to be all in on this one."

Nutter said there are approximately 280,000 smokers in the city and 2,100 smoking-related deaths each year, making it the leading cause of death in the city.

About \$1 million will be subtracted from the cigarette tax to fund the department of public health's smoking cessation program.

The new taxes would require approval from the state assembly and the Philadelphia City Council.



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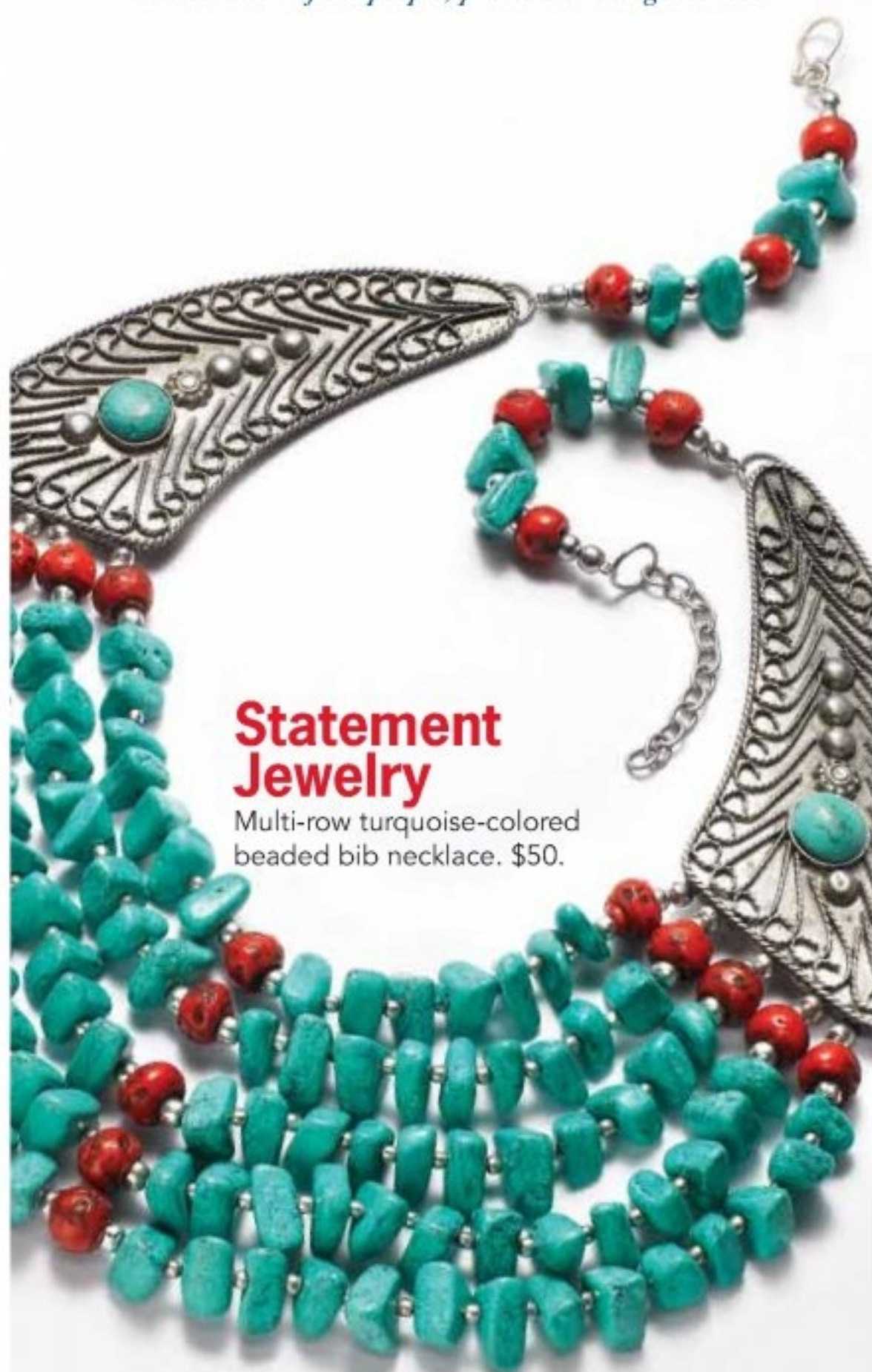
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Philadelphia District Attorney Seth Williams holds up a list of 10 grand jury recommendations after Kermit Gosnell's sentencing. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

## 'Glad it's over': Gosnell case gag order lifted

**Sentenced.** Kermit Gosnell received three life terms for the deaths of three infants and a patient.

Det. Jimmy Taggart, who in 2010 collected bags of fetuses and jars of feet from the Women's Medical Center run by abortion provider Dr. Kermit Gosnell, spoke for everyone yesterday when he said, "I'm glad it's over."

Gosnell was sentenced to three consecutive life terms in prison without the possibility of parole — plus two and a half to five years — after being convicted of murder for three infants killed in illegal, late-term abortions and of manslaughter for the 2009

fatal overdose of patient Karnamaya Mongar.

"I will not mince words and this is not mere hyperbole — Kermit Gosnell at some point became a monster," District Attorney Seth Williams said, calling the case "arguably the most gruesome, the most vile" he's seen.

Emotions were high as the gag order was lifted in the proceedings. "To see the squalor, to talk to these patients, to talk to the people that worked there, it was beyond belief that something like that could happen in a city such as this," prosecutor Joanne Pescatore said.

Gosnell's attorney Jack McMahon called the case a "trampling of justice" and insisted his client is "far from a monster."

"I don't know how you could say that when you

open up a cabinet in one of the procedure rooms and you find five jars of feet," Taggart retorted. "Also, the garbage bags that are still in the basement — I think there's still babies in the basement."

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### Quoted

"I am certain that those on the far left, the far right, those that are most pro-choice, those that are most pro-life, can each claim victory, in an amount, in the horrors of what took place at the Women's Medical Clinic." Williams

### Crime

#### Cop's son stole gun

An off-duty Philadelphia Police officer reported Wednesday that her son stole her gun and fled to a friend's West Philadelphia home, which caused a standoff with SWAT officers, police said. **METRO**

### Grants

#### Philadelphia awarded \$61K for landmarks

The city got three grants totaling \$61,000 to preserve landmarks for Eastern State Penitentiary, Girard College and National Society of Colonial Dames. **METRO**

### Shooting

#### Police shoot at teen suspect in Parkside

Police shot at a teen in Parkside early Wednesday after the 19-year-old reportedly brandished a pellet gun during a chase. It began as a curfew stop, reports say. **METRO**



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# DA claims Delaware County doc ran cash-only 'pill mill'

**Charged.** Dr. Lenwood Wert, 79, is accused of selling narcotic prescriptions to drug addicts.

Lansdowne osteopath Dr. Lenwood Wert, 79, was charged yesterday with 536 felonies for allegedly selling controlled substance prescriptions, District Attorney Jack Whelan announced.

"Dr. Wert is no different than a drug dealer standing on the corner. In fact, he's worse because he's operating under the guise of a medical professional," Whelan said.

Wert allegedly sold narcotic prescriptions for cash from his office on Lansdowne Avenue, continuing to provide patients with pain medi-



Lenwood Wert, 79  
DELAWARE COUNTY DA'S OFFICE

**Seized**

## \$500K

Police seized \$500,000 in cash from Wert's home and residence.

cations like oxycodone even after they had overdosed.

Officers with the Delaware County Narcotics Task Force launched an investigation of Wert's

practice last November. Two undercover investigators said they observed that a large number of the doctor's patients appeared to be drug-addicted and overheard in the waiting room discussions about the sale of the scripts and controlled substances.

They also claim they were able to easily obtain prescriptions for oxycodone, anti-anxiety medication Xanax and muscle relaxant Soma without having any medical need for the drugs by paying \$150 for an initial appointment and \$100 for each subsequent visit.

Police seized \$500,000 in cash and numerous firearms from Wert's home and residence. A judge set bail yesterday at \$500,000.

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**Riding**

## Philly is 'bikeable'

Philly was ranked the fourth "Most Bikeable" U.S. city, according to a Walk Score analysis.

Walk Score ranks cities with more than 500,000 residents. Amount of bike lanes, trails, hills and destinations were factors, as was the number of bike riders.

The city received a score of 68 out of 100.

Portland was ranked first with a score of 70.3. **METRO**

**Critical**

## Woman shot

A woman, 19, is in critical condition after she was shot in the head Tuesday inside an Upper Darby apartment on the 7400 block of West Chester Pike, police said.

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## She's still got it

Tennis legend Billie Jean King dishes out the ceremonial first serve at a dedication of new tennis courts in Hunting Park yesterday, part of the Hunting Park Revitalization Project. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO



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## IRS scandal

House speaker suggests jail time for violations



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House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner raised the possibility of jail time yesterday for law violations in the growing scandal involving the Internal Revenue Service's targeting of conservative groups for extra tax scrutiny.

"My question isn't about who is going to have to resign, my question is who is going to jail over this scandal," Boehner, the top Republican in Congress, told reporters.

REUTERS

# AG Holder sidesteps lawmakers' questions on AP records seizure

**Critics.** The seizure has created a backlash and led to questions over how the administration is balancing the need for national security with privacy rights.

Lawmakers pounded U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder yesterday with questions about the Justice Department's secret seizure of Associated Press telephone records, and grew frustrated when he said he had limited answers.

Holder noted to the House Judiciary Committee that he had recused himself from the leak investigation that prompted the phone records seizure, so the decision was not his.



U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder pauses as he testifies during a hearing before the House Judiciary Committee on oversight of the U.S. Department of Justice yesterday. / GETTY IMAGES

## Quoted

"Recusals are such that I don't have any interaction with the people who are involved in the case." Holder

But lawmakers still pushed him on why the subpoena for the two months of phone records last year was so broad and why the Justice Department did not first try to negotiate with AP to obtain information.

## Legal

White House presses Congress to revive media protection bill

The White House yesterday sought to revive legislation that would give journalists legal protection when guarding their sources, a move that comes days after the Obama administration revealed it had seized records from The Associ-

ated Press news agency in a leak probe.

A White House official confirmed the administration was pushing for the 2009 bill, supported by Democratic Senator Charles Schumer of New York, to be taken up again in Congress.

President Barack Obama has come under fire after the seizure of the AP telephone records, denounced by critics as a gross intrusion into freedom of the press. **REUTERS**

"We don't know where the buck stops," said U.S. Representative Jim Sensenbrenner, a Wisconsin Republican.

The phone records issue erupted on Monday when the AP publicly complained about the sei-

zure. The AP said it was informed last Friday that the Justice Department had gathered records for more than 20 phone lines assigned to the news agency and its reporters, covering April and May of last year. **REUTERS**

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# Lawyer: Accused kidnapper intends to plead not guilty

**Castro case.** An Ohio prosecutor last week vowed to try to bring murder charges that could carry the death penalty.

The man charged with holding three women captive and raping them during a decade in his Cleveland home plans to plead not guilty to criminal charges, one of his lawyers said yesterday.

The lawyer, Jaye Schlachet, said in a phone interview that the suspect, Ariel Castro, 52, is on suicide watch in Cuyahoga County jail in Ohio, but it was not clear whether Castro planned to go to trial.

Castro last week was charged with four counts of kidnapping and three



The murder charges would stem from forced miscarriages that police say were suffered by one of his victims. / GETTY IMAGES

## Quoted

"The initial portrayal by the media has been one of a 'monster,' and that's not the impression that I got when I talked to him for three hours."

Weintraub

counts of rape. The three women kidnapped escaped from his home in a working-class section of

Cleveland.

The news that the three had been held for so long in such a populated

neighborhood stunned the close-knit community. Two of the women were held in harsh conditions, restrained with chains and duct tape for long periods of time.

In an earlier interview with Cleveland's WKYC television, another of Castro's lawyers, Craig Weintraub, said his client was not a "monster."

An Ohio prosecutor last week vowed to try to bring murder charges that could carry the death penalty against Ariel Castro.

Those charges would stem from forced miscarriages that police say were suffered by one of his victims. The initial police report on the case said that at least five times after impregnating Knight, Ariel Castro allegedly starved and beat her in the abdomen in an effort to induce miscarriages.

REUTERS

## O.J. Simpson takes witness stand in bid for new robbery trial

O.J. Simpson took the witness stand in a Las Vegas courtroom yesterday seeking a new trial in an armed-robbery case that sent him to prison five years ago.

Simpson, 65, was called to testify in the third day of a hearing into his claims that the lawyer who served as his defense attorney mishandled the Nevada

robbery case.

He was brought to court from a Nevada prison where he is serving a sentence of up to 33 years for the 2007 incident, in which he and five other men stormed into a room at the Palace Station Hotel and Casino and took thousands of dollars in memorabilia from a pair of sports collectors at gunpoint. REUTERS

## Jail

### U.S. citizen Bae begins sentence in N. Korea prison

A U.S. citizen began a 15-year hard labor sentence at a "special prison" in North Korea yesterday, for what authorities described as

crimes against the state, North Korean state news agency KCNA said.

Kenneth Bae, 44, a naturalized U.S. citizen who was born in South Korea, was sentenced on April 30 after a North Korean court convicted him of what it said was an attempt at state subversion. REUTERS

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## Bad hacks

## LulzSec hackers 'at cutting edge' of cyber crime, court told

Four British hackers who took part in 2011 cyber-attacks on targets ranging from the CIA to Sony were audacious, arrogant men whose motivation was "anarchic self-amusement," a court heard yesterday.

The men, who have pleaded guilty to a variety of offences, were members of the hacking collective LulzSec that caused millions of dollars of damage to computer networks during an online crime spree they boasted about on Twitter.

"They are at the cutting edge of a contemporary, emerging species of international criminal offending known as cyber crime," prosecutor Sandip Patel told a London court.

REUTERS

# Google's singing a new song

**Google on.** Net giant's new music service is available in the U.S. for \$9.99 a month.

Google Inc. launched a music service yesterday that allows users to listen to unlimited songs for \$9.99 a month, challenging smaller companies like Pandora and Spotify in the market for streaming music.

With its new service, announced at its annual developers' conference in San Francisco, Google has adopted the streaming music business model ahead of rival Apple Inc., which pioneered online music purchases with iTunes.

Google's "All Access" service lets users customize song selections from 22 genres, ranging from jazz to indie music, stream individual playlists or listen to a curated, radio-like stream that can be tweaked. It will



Chris Yerga, Google engineering director for Android, announces the new Google Play Music All Access. / JUSTIN SULLIVAN, GETTY IMAGES

## Music to their ears

Google shares jumped \$18.90, or more than 2 percent, to \$906. Pandora shares slipped 0.4 percent to \$16.68 on the NYSE.

At \$9.99 a month, the service is costlier than the \$3.99 required for Pandora, but on par with Spotify.

be launched for U.S. users first, before being rolled out to several other countries.

The entry of the world's largest Internet company amps up the competition

as major technology giants jostle for position in the nascent market for subscription-based, streaming music.

Amazon.com Inc., and

## Mobile millions

## Google: 900M Android phones activated

Some 900 million smartphones and tablets running Google Inc.'s Android software have been activated since the platform's inception in 2010, executives said at the

company's annual developers' conference.

Google said revenue from Android, the software used by Samsung and other mobile device makers that competes with Apple Inc., is also gaining momentum. Executives said revenue per user for Android app developers is now 2-1/2 times its year-earlier level. **REUTERS**

Apple are among the Silicon Valley powerhouses sounding out top recording industry executives, according to sources with knowledge of talks and media reports.

All these companies see a viable music streaming and subscription service as crucial to growing their presence in an exploding mobile environment. For Google and Apple, it is critical in ensuring users remain loyal to their mobile products.

Music has been inte-

gral to the mobile experience since the early days of iTunes, which upended the old models with its 99-cent-per-song buying approach.

Now, as smartphones and tablets supplant PCs and virtual storage replaces songs on devices, mobile players from handset makers to social networks realize they must stake out a place or risk ceding control of one of the largest components of mobile device usage. **REUTERS**

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## Buying power. UN sanctions delay work on N Korea's nukes

Increasingly tough financial sanctions, an arms embargo and other international restrictions on trade with North Korea have significantly delayed expansion of Pyongyang's illicit nuclear arms program, according to a confidential report by a U.N. panel of experts seen by Reuters yesterday.

The latest annual report by the U.N. sanctions-monitoring group comes as the United States seeks to convince China that applying economic and other sanctions against its neighbor is crucial to halting the program.

The document covers

the period up through last month, diplomats said, so it was too early to measure the effect the latest round of U.N. sanctions adopted in March. In the report to the U.N. Security Council's North Korea sanctions committee, the panel also recommended sanctioning three North Korean entities and 12 individuals.

The three entities the panel said should be black-listed are the Ministry of Atomic Energy Industry, the Munitions Industry Department of the Central Committee of the Korean Workers Party and the State Space Development Bureau. **REUTERS**

### Quoted

"While the imposition of sanctions has not halted the development of nuclear and ballistic missile programs, it has in all likelihood considerably delayed (North Korea's) timetable." The group, in a 52-page report

# US sets \$1B health care innovation initiative



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### A healthy balance.

The program is aimed at cutting costs while improving results for federal health service providers.

The Obama administration on Wednesday announced a \$1 billion initiative to fund innovations in federal health care programs aimed at cutting costs while improving the health results.

The Department of Health and Human Services said the money will be used to award and evaluate projects that test new payment and delivery models for federal programs including Medicare, Medicaid and

the Children's Health Insurance Program.

The announcement marks the second round of innovation initiatives for the administration under President Barack Obama's 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The government is looking for models that can quickly cut costs in outpatient or post-acute settings, improve care for people with special needs, transform health care providers' financial and clinical models or improve health conditions by clinical category, geographic area or socioeconomic class. **REUTERS**

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# There's blood on

**The cost.** Your clothing comes at a terrible human price. Western consumers, including those in the U.S., benefit from cheaper retail costs. But the tide may be turning.

The euphoria was understandable when rescuers pulled 19-year-old Reshma Begum alive from the wreckage of the Rana Plaza garment factory in Dhaka, Bangladesh last week. More than 1,127 were killed and thousands more injured when the factory fell on April 24. It had been 17 days since anyone had been found alive.

Even in a country where life expectancy is low, the devastating collapse sparked protests, with rioters calling for the owner of the factory to be hanged. The outrage was worldwide — and had previously been missing among Western observers and consumers about the working conditions in factories in Bangladesh. They have been deplorable for years while churning out cheap clothes for some of the West's best-known clothing brands.

Despite its small size, Bangladesh is the second-largest garment exporter in the world. The U.S. is its largest exporting partner, with 19.4 percent of exports coming to the States. Wal-Mart alone does more than \$1 billion worth of manufacturing in the severely impoverished country.

But while everyone is quick to point at the labels that produce their clothing there — JCPenny, Gap, Sears and Zara, among thousands of others — Chris Rhomberg, associate professor of Sociology at Fordham University who specializes labor and labor movements, says it's a very complex and multi-layered situation.

"These labels don't actually own the factories in Bangladesh," he notes. "They contract the work

out to contractors. But this is how the garment industry works: The contractor then contracts them out to subcontractors that are even cheaper and creates this enormous pressure on all the labels to go even cheaper."

Rhomberg and others in his field call this continual outsourcing and downward push of cost the "race to the bottom."

"Bottom" is an apt term. Since there is little to no direct oversight by these Western clothing brands, workers making these garments work in shockingly unsafe and unregulated factories. Many are forced to work seven days a week, are bullied into working overtime and the youngest of them — mainly young women, often as young as 10 — earn as little as \$400 per year.

"No company is willing to spend the money for safety, adequate standards and wages if that makes their product more expensive than their competitors," notes Rhomberg. "If you allow this race to the bottom to occur, there is pressure on each one to go cheaper."

And who is cheap? Women and children. Estimates vary, but up to 30,000 children are said to toil away in the sweatshops. The average age of the children is 13, of whom 10 percent, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, are married by the age of 10.

"In a recent visit to Bangladesh, a Department of Labor official spoke with children who ... reported that, like adult workers, they are often paid two to four weeks late, and rarely paid extra for overtime," a USDL report stated.

Out of the 3.5 million people who work in Bangladesh factories, 85 percent of them are women. Although the principle of women working in this predominantly Muslim country has been accepted — largely for economic reasons — they still face paternalism, at best, and outright, blatant discrimination at worst, according to the European Union, which noted high levels of forced, early marriage and domestic abuse.



Corpses lay side by side in the morgue. / TASLIMA AKHTER



Eleven members of a garment worker's family share the same room to survive. / TASLIMA AKHTER



A young woman prepares for work in Dhaka, Bangladesh. / TASLIMA AKHTER



# your labels

## Eyewitness account. Activist uses camera to illustrate horrors



The images that accompany this story were taken by Taslima Akhter, a Dhaka-based activist for the rights of women garment makers in Bangladesh and a talented photojournalist. It shows two workers, a man and a woman, locked in a final embrace in death. Akhter took the image shortly after the collapse of the garment factory on April 24.

She told Metro: "Sometimes owners and the government try to say that activists and workers are trying to make a conspiracy against industrialization — a common tactic when it comes to undermining workers' rights."

### Quoted

**"Sometimes owners and the government try to say that activists and workers are trying to make a conspiracy against industrialization — a common tactic when it comes to undermining workers' rights."** Akhter

"But as an activist and photographer, I want to say that I, other activists, trade union activists and workers support the development of industrialization. We believe that without improving the conditions of workers through proper wages and safety standards, it cannot be possible. And it's not only our local issue, — it's an international issue, too, because buyers get products from our country at a very cheap rate and our labor has become the cheapest labor in the world. International buyers also do not really care about pay rates and safety standards. Through my photography for last five years, I am trying to campaign against low wage of workers and insecure working condition of workers."

Akhter, 39, works as a photography tutor at Pathshala University, Bangladesh. In 2011 she participated the summer course on human rights and photography at New York University.

Considering photography as a part of her activism, she works on gender-environmental-cultural issues and the issues of social discrimination.



This garment worker is unable to breastfeed her children.  
TASLIMA AKHTER



Due to employee agitation in some industries, factory workers are locked in this way by the authorities. / TASLIMA AKHTER



Empty tear gas canisters, sandals and puddles from a water cannon are all that remain after a conflict with workers. / TASLIMA AKHTER

### By the numbers

## Economy booming despite setbacks

Bangladesh's economy has grown by nearly 6 percent per year since 1996, despite, according to the CIA's summary of the country, "political instability, poor infrastructure, corruption, insufficient power supplies and

slow implementation of economic reforms. Bangladesh remains a poor, overpopulated and inefficiently governed nation." The country's population is 90 percent Bengali Muslim. Per capita income is \$2,000 dollars per year, making Bangladesh the world's 192nd poorest nation. By comparison, the average wealth per head in the U.S. is nearly \$50,000.

But even with this global spotlight shining brightly on the working conditions in Bangladesh — and the international outcry almost overwhelming — change is still very hard to initiate.

There is immense international pressure for brands to sign the binding Fire and Building Safety Agreement, which protects garment workers. This five-year accord, which H&M and Zara signed this week, promises that they will not hire manufacturers and

contractors whose clothing factories fail to meet safety standards; it will also commit them to paying for repairs and renovations.

The Bangladeshi government is acting as well — they are raising the minimum wage for workers and will make it easier for them to unionize. Still, the Gap, JCPenny and, most notably, Wal-Mart had refused to sign as of yesterday afternoon. Wal-Mart believes that their own safety plans are enough.

"Wal-Mart believes its

safety plan meets or exceeds the IndustriALL proposal, and will get results more quickly," the company said in a statement.

A major U.S. retail trade group yesterday spoke out against a Bangladesh safety accord, saying that signing on would expose American companies to a legally questionable binding arbitration provision.

"The accord veers away from commonsense solutions and seeks to advance a narrow agenda driven by special interests," said Matthew Shay of the National

Retail Federation.

Unionizers and labor activists worry that if these garment behemoths don't join the pact, the agreement will lack influence.

Still, H&M's decision to sign the accord is crucial, said Scott Nova, of Worker Rights Consortium, in Women's Wear Daily. "They are the single largest producer of apparel in Bangladesh, ahead even of Wal-Mart. This accord now has tremendous momentum." **TONY METCALF, WITH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DOROTHY ROBINSON AND TINA CHADHA**



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## CULTURE

### Twitter feed

We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Garry Shandling is feeling limited and Dax Shepard is feeling conflicted about getting back to work.

@GarryShandling: The photographer told me today that "head shots" are not in my acting range.

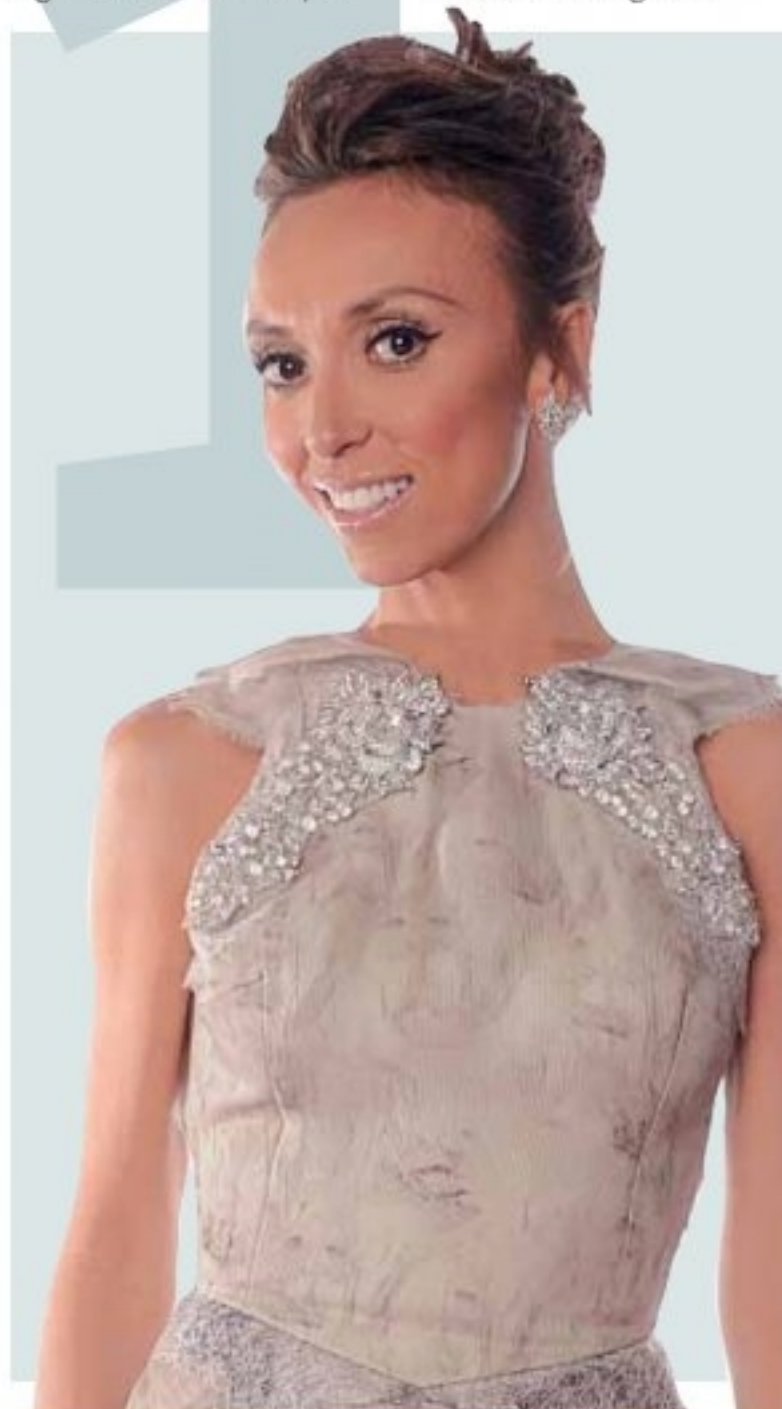
@daxshepard1: As happy as I am about the renewal, I was kinda looking forward to getting the Parenthood Movie funded on kick starter.



## Giuliana Rancic is 'Sexiest Mom'

I don't know why Victoria's Secret naming Giuliana Rancic "Sexiest Mom" makes me feel weird. It's like they are just straight out saying, "Oh, hey, check out this MILF!" Barf. Also, look, I know she is a mom through and through. But she had her baby via a gestational carrier (not

by choice, it should be noted). So it's not like she had to diet and exercise like a mad woman to get that "sexy" body back. Maybe it should come with an asterisk: Sexiest Mom ("Non-Stretch Marks Category"). But maybe I'm way off-base here and reading way too much into this. Thoughts?



## THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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## Beyonce writes note to fans — by hand

Beyonce felt so bad about canceling a gig in Antwerp, Belgium — on doctor's orders because she was suffering from "dehydration and exhaustion" — that she posted a handwritten apology on

her Tumblr. "To my dearest fans in Antwerp, I've never postponed a show in my life. It was very hard for me. I promise I will make it up very soon. I'm sorry if I disappointed you," Beyonce wrote. "Thank you for your concern. I'm feeling much better now, and I'm ready to give you a great show. See you tonight." The singer's health concerns almost immediately sparked rumors that she is pregnant with her second child.



## Singer to be bronzed in nightclub

Amy Winehouse's parents have enlisted artist Scott Eaton to sculpt a life-size bronze statue of the late Amy Winehouse to be displayed at the London music venue The Roadhouse, which happens to be the last place she performed before her death, according to E! News. "It's not going to be ... cheesy. She's not with a microphone or anything like that. It's going to be kind of natural, if you will," the artist says.

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**1** Carey Mulligan looked every inch the red carpet beauty queen in this Dior dress and Tiffany & Co. jewels.

### Isla Fisher

**2** The redhead hit the red carpet in a red silk dress from Oscar de la Renta.

### Cara Delevingne

**3** Model Cara Delevingne wore a floor-length black Burberry gown with lace detailing.

### Julianne Moore

**4** The actress donned this lavender and black number from Christian Dior Couture topped off with killer heels.

### The chanteuses

**5** Florence Welch posed in a pink polka-dotted Miu Miu gown with Lana Del Rey, in Prada.

### Nicole Kidman

**6** The actress chose to go cute and chic in this Christian Dior number.

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# Flips, kicks, power tools and gender-bending at the Rotunda

**Circus.** The women of Tangle Movement Arts are putting on a show.

The Philly arts scene is progressive enough that when you hear about a trapeze show that delves into the world of queer culture and gender-blurring, it sounds like any other Thursday night. Enter "Invert!" — an aerial-arts show being put on by Tangle Movement Arts, a women's circus arts troupe, that pairs impressive physical feats with a dash of feminism.

With just two little syllables and an exclamation point, the performance's title provides a fair amount of insight. "Invert!" connects a nod to queer history — 'invert' being a 19th-century term for gender non-conformity — with the basic shape of circus arts: a body upside down."



Tangle Movement Arts is an all-female circus arts troupe. / ANNE SAINT PETER

says Tangle Movement Arts founder Lauren Rile Smith. "[The show] presents an evening of upended expectations."

For those who believe circus arts to be just a bunch of spinning and dangling from ropes, your

expectations will not only be "upended," as Smith says, they will be shattered. Along with glitter and sequins you'll see fire, power tools and, according to Smith, "drag-inspired diva fabulousness." As for the auditory expe-

rience, you'll be hearing monologues, duets and violin solos courtesy of the Carnegie Hall-playing, Juilliard-attending wunderkind Caeli Smith.

The topic of gender, with all its political branches, is boundless — and

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Lauren Rile Smith and Sarah Nicolazzo rehearse for the show.  
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## tinycircus

It's possible you've seen these performers before. Tangle Movement Arts has put on several free outdoor acrobatic shows under the name tinycircus. They've performed at craft fairs and community events throughout the city, with a focus in West Philly.

### If you go

#### 'Invert!'

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that's what makes trapeze a fun venue for discussion. Sure, there's the juxtaposition between power tools and silk ropes and physical flexibility, but the nuances are there, too. Pay close attention to the interactions — the back and forth —

between performers, and the differences in their individual presentation.

"In a Tangle show, performers display a wide range of body types, gender presentations and relationships — whether those are relationships of

support, antagonism, flirtation or partnership," Smith says. It's obvious that this performance will be no exception.

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Hollywood is making its annual pilgrimage to the French Riviera for the Cannes International Film Festival, possibly the most prestigious stop in the film festival calendar. Here are our picks for the films to watch out for debuting at Cannes this month.

#### 'The Bling Ring'

This may turn out to be the guiltiest pleasure of the year, but we can't contain our excitement over it. Sofia Coppola takes on the true-life tale of the fame-hungry young socialites who used Twitter and Facebook to time break-ins at the homes of celebrities and make off with their loot, becoming famous themselves in the process, even if it was for all the wrong reasons. The film's gang is led by "Harry Potter" star Emma Watson — completely unrecognizable from her Hogwarts days.

#### 'Inside Llewyn Davis'

Festival favorites the Coen Brothers return with their hotly anticipated latest, set in the 1960s Greenwich Village folk scene. The film features John Goodman, Carey Mulligan, Justin Timberlake and Oscar



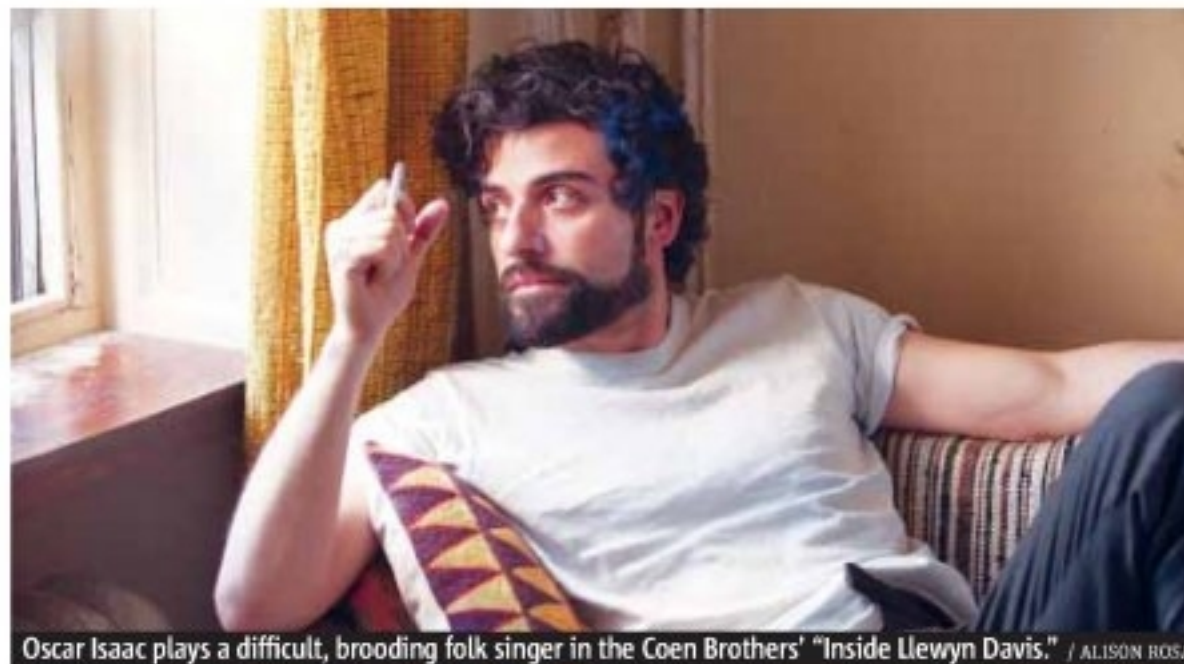
Emma Watson, center, sheds her Hermione duds to lead a posse of girls who rob celebrities in Sofia Coppola's "The Bling Ring." / A24

## Cannes: it's pronounced (roughly) 'can,' not 'Khan'

Isaac as the titular, troubled troubadour. The soundtrack alone should be enough to impress.

#### 'Nebraska'

Alexander Payne offers up a father-and-son road trip story shot in black and white, as Bruce Dern and Will Forte strike out in search of lottery winnings. While Payne has charmed before with "Sideways," "Election" and "The Descendants," the casting of "Saturday Night Live" and "30 Rock" alum Forte in a more



Oscar Isaac plays a difficult, brooding folk singer in the Coen Brothers' "Inside Llewyn Davis." / ALISON ROSA

dramatic role is what's really piquing curiosity here.

#### 'Only God Forgives'

If this one isn't awesome, we're giving up hope in humanity. Nicolas Winding Refn re-teams with his "Drive" star and kindred spirit, Ryan Gosling, for a pulpy, violent revenge drama. As a bonus, Kristin Scott Thomas goes bad as Gosling's crime-lord mother. Bring it on.

#### 'Only Lovers Left Alive'

This one may be a bit of a long shot, but it sounds simply too bizarre not to check out: Longtime indie film darling Jim Jarmusch takes on the vampire film genre with an impressive art-house cast led by Tom Hiddleston and Tilda Swinton as vampires in a centuries-long romance named Adam and Eve. Oh, and Adam is a moody, club-dwelling musician. Even if this one is bad, it will still be worth checking out.

#### 'The Immigrant'

Talented director James Gray reteams with his "We Own the Night" and "Two Lovers" star Joaquin Phoenix for this period drama, set in 1920s Manhattan, playing a man who forces a Polish emigre (Marion Cotillard) into prostitution. Co-starring Jeremy Renner as "Orlando the Magician."



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# Eric Roberson stays connected to his fans



Eric Roberson will perform tonight at 7 at Underground Arts on Callowhill St. / ERIC ROBerson

**R&B.** The smooth singer is anything but aloof.

In an age of distant, aloof and withdrawn music stars, R&B standout Eric Roberson is anything but.

Roberson, the Jersey resident headlining the Acoustic Soul Experience at Underground Arts tonight, makes it a point to be as active as he can on social media. For instance, he recently posted a photo of his two toddlers on the road with him.

"I keep some things private, but I'm very happy and I'm very proud about my kids," he says. "I put good energy out there and I get good energy. I stay mindful of not posting my address, but at the same time I'm not hiding. It's

not been in my nature."

The silken-voiced Roberson has become just about the biggest name in the R&B world without a major-label recording contract. He studied music at Howard University and started working in the industry in the 1990s, penning tracks for Dwele, Musiq Soulchild, Vivian Green and Will Downing, among others. Since then, Roberson has performed around the world and twice been nominated for a Grammy. He's one of music's leading storytellers of affairs of the heart — in the style of Pendergrass and Gaye — who not only presents top-rate grooves but also riveting tales of intrigue, fallibility and humanity.

"I was a guy lucky doing music and I'm lucky to be in front of people when I didn't have a big-time label situation," he

says. "I walked out of the audience and got onstage to perform."

These days, you can sometimes see him onstage in the new vocal supergroup United Tenors, also featuring Fred Hammond, Dave Hollister and Brian Courtney Wilson. UT has just released its eponymous debut album.

Yet, there's still plenty of time for him to headline his own shows, as he's doing at Underground Arts. Guitar-playing R&B singer Algebra is also on the bill.

"This is a little different acoustic show," Roberson says. "I have some electric toys and pedals that let me have the option of playing older songs as well as new songs."

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# 10 Films out right now

## 1 'Star Trek Into Darkness'

In my day, no one but pointy-eared undateables and girls still into Walter Koenig cared about the new "Star Trek" picture. Now, a "Star Trek" movie is your only option for a new wide release this weekend. Also, Spock and Uhura are dating?

## 2 'Something in the Air'

French filmmaker Olivier Assayas ("Summer Hours," "Carlos") turns once again to his youth in the '70s for inspiration, with this memory piece about a young artist who flirts with political activism when Europe was teeming with floppy-haired radicals.

## 3 'The Iceman'

Michael Shannon,

soon appearing as General Zod in the Superman thing, plays Richard Kuklinski, who lived a kind of real-life "True Lies": He was a family man whose wife and daughters had no idea he was a contract killer.

## 4 'At Any Price'

Rahmim Bahrani ("Goodbye Solo") goes somewhat mainstream, or at least casts names, in his latest. Dennis Quaid plays an ethically-challenged seed farmer whose layabout son (Zac Efron) takes an interest in stock car racing.

## 5 'Venus and Serena'

The Williams sisters finally get their own hagiographic, almost purely expository documentary, which reveals almost nothing that anyone who

was following them even casually didn't already know. But that's a sign that they've really made it. Good for them!

## 6 'Kon-Tiki'

Norwegian explorer Thor Heyerdahl, who conquered the Pacific with only a balsa wood raft in 1947, gets a splashy biopic in this Oscar-nominated adventure.

## 7 'The Great Gatsby'

When you think F. Scott Fitzgerald, you of course imagine 3-D, digital special effects and Bryan Ferry versions of Jay-Z songs, yes? Leonardo DiCaprio, Carey Mulligan, Tobey Maguire and other well-cast actors struggle to stay afloat amidst director Baz Luhrmann's time warpy business.

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Uhura (Zoe Saldana) and Spock (Zachary Quinto) are lovebirds in "Star Trek Into Darkness." / ZADE ROSENTHAL

### 8 'Peeples'

Tyler Perry's name may be on it, but that's his only contribution to this "Meet the Parents" riff, with Kerry Washington, Craig Robinson, David Alan Grier and Melvin Van Peebles in the Hamptons.

### 9 'Aftershock'

Eli Roth co-wrote and

co-stars in this thriller about a massive earthquake that endangers the patrons of an underground nightclub in Chile, which only brings about the best in people. No, not really.

### 10 'Midnight's Children'

Salman Rushdie himself adapts his 1981 break-

through novel that presents the history of India through the story of a family, including a son born precisely as his homeland gained independence. Deepa Mehta ("Fire," "Water") directs the film.



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Copies of the proposed amendments and the current versions of the ACOP and HCV Admin Plan are available on our website at [www.pha.phila.gov](http://www.pha.phila.gov). The comment period is open on May 8<sup>th</sup> 2013 through June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Proposed amendments and the current versions of the ACOP and HCV Admin Plan are available for public review at the Philadelphia Housing Authority's Admissions Office at 712 N. 16<sup>th</sup> Street and the Housing Choice Voucher Office at 2850 Germantown Avenue between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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SERIES FINALE, 10 P.M., NBC



Ellie Kemper and Jenna Fischer celebrate "The Office" ending.  
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#### COMEDY

### 'The Big Bang Theory'

Are we the only ones who don't get all the hype with this show? Ah well, now that we finally met "Your Mother" we'll need something to fill our airspace. In the season finale, Leonard gets a job offer overseas and the other nerds freak out. But it will all work out.

SEASON FINALE, 8 P.M., CBS

#### REALITY

### 'American Idol'

Yet another "Idol" is crowned, sealing her fate of indentured singer servitude to the 'Idol' machine as a pop star we will never ever hear from again. (Kelly Clarkson and Carrie Underwood were flukes.) Remember Lee DeWyze? Yeah, that's what we thought.

SEASON FINALE, 8 P.M., FOX

#### DRAMA

### 'Beauty and the Beast'

In the season finale of one more CW show we didn't even know existed, secrets about the Beauty (that chick from "Smallville" — you may know her as that girl who banged Matt Damon in "Eurotrip") are revealed.

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### Don't talk only (or mostly) about yourself.

So you've traveled to every continent, you do something really important or prestigious and have a bunch of funny stories exhibiting your killer one-liners. The problem is, no one likes to be talked at — even if it's really impressive. There can be a rush to get out all of the positive things about yourself on the first date to try to keep the other person interested. But if you're so concerned about how you're coming across, you're not actually connecting with the other person ... which, you know, is sort of what the date is about.

### Don't go out to dinner.

First of all, if you're a guy this can start to add up fast. But more than that, dinner is a high-pressure situation where you're forced to keep up the conversation because there are no other distractions. This doesn't exactly lend



Escape the dinner table and find an activity to make a first date less awkward. / GETTY IMAGES

#### Tip

### Don't be difficult to pin down.

If your next free night is three weeks from this Tuesday, maybe this isn't the best time in your life to start dating someone.

itself to putting your best foot forward. Instead of

dinner — or even drinks — plan an activity date.

### Don't ask job interview questions.

The things we talk about on a first date usually have to do with where you grew up, went to school or what you do for a living — all things that are painful to talk about repeatedly and don't actually get to the

crux of who a person is. If you want your first date to be fun and stand out, ask things along the lines of: What is the creepiest thing you've ever done? Or: What's the closest you've come to getting arrested? Have discussions about getting along with siblings or parents, what you think makes a good movie or whether brunch is awesome or just over-priced breakfast. Really have a conversation, don't just take turns reciting your résumés.



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### Pop the question

So the date went well? Awesome. But don't let your fantasies get the best of you and convince yourself that this is The One. The truth is, after one date — even a great one — you just don't know someone that well yet. So stay open-minded to both the good qualities and the bad instead of painting a full picture of a person you just met based on your very limited information.

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**Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.** An upturn in your financial affairs could suddenly and unexpectedly occur. This shift is likely to prove helpful in more ways than one.

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## Crossword

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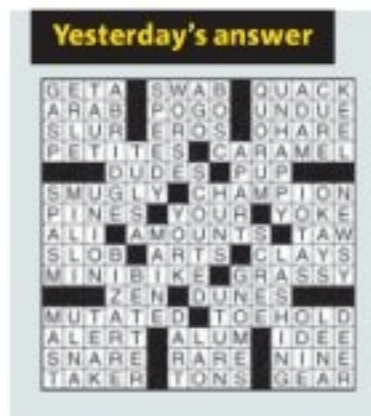
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- 6 MacDonald's place
- 10 Skiing mecca
- 14 Kitchen gadget
- 15 "En garde" weapon
- 16 First-aid plant
- 17 Get the lead out?
- 18 Kind of prof.
- 19 Swing around
- 20 Auctions off
- 21 Knights' contests
- 23 Devotee's suffix
- 25 Cattle call
- 26 Track event
- 29 Good conductor
- 32 Hearth goddess
- 37 It may be fragile
- 38 Type measure
- 39 — and yon
- 40 Gets results (4 wds.)
- 43 Trying experience
- 44 Ocean flier
- 45 Game or season opener
- 46 Twangy-sounding
- 47 Inventory wd.
- 48 Cater for
- 49 Electrical unit
- 51 Meet, in poker
- 53 Dwell temporarily
- 58 Galley rowerh
- 62 Ties up the phone

## Down

- 63 Stag attender
- 64 Where Lhasa is
- 65 Vogue rival
- 66 Leaning Tower town
- 67 Russian bay or lake
- 68 Garden hopper
- 69 Con game
- 70 Sachet component
- 1 Powerful primates
- 2 Have the nerve
- 3 Eurasian range
- 4 Gore or Nielsen
- 5 Lock or curl
- 6 Great achievement
- 7 Lhasa —
- 8 Job hunter's need
- 9 Subway in Paris
- 10 Ming thing
- 11 Pact member
- 12 Debtors' notes
- 13 Jamie — Curtis
- 22 Beginner
- 24 Gabardine, e.g.
- 26 Captured again
- 27 Aesop's market
- 28 Parachute parts
- 30 Here, in Paris
- 31 Did a lawn chore
- 33 Afr. nation
- 34 Physical condition

## Yesterday's answer

- 35 Pomme de — (potato)
- 36 — to the teeth
- 38 Choir selections
- 39 Jockey rival
- 41 Green parrot
- 42 Pause fillers
- 47 Stained-glass art
- 48 Catty?
- 50 Rope fibers
- 52 Bar legally
- 53 Luminous circle
- 54 Kan. neighbor
- 55 Bought at a yard sale
- 56 Rick's old flame
- 57 Ball club
- 59 Help with a heist
- 60 Star in Lyra
- 61 Footnote abbr. (2 wds.)
- 62 Even so



## Letters

## Pope asked forgiveness

**Re: "Catholic naming of saints is rife with hypocrisy" (Metro, May 14)** Perhaps letter writer I. Milton Karabell missed Pope John Paul II's historic apology during the Jubilee Year 2000: "I ask that in this year of mercy, the Church, ... kneels before God and begs for forgiveness for past and present sins of her sons. ... We cannot not recognize the betrayals of the Gospel committed by some of our brothers, especially during the second millennium. We ask forgiveness for ... the use of violence that some have resorted to in the service of truth and for the acts of dissidence and of hostility sometimes taken towards followers of other religions."

GILBERT COLON, VIA E-MAIL

## Metro ... the final frontier for spoilers

**Re: "'Star Trek' into dumbness" (Metro, May 15)** Does Sean Burns know how to write a movie review? Generally, it should not include massive spoilers detailing every plot point from beginning to end. I read the entire thing thinking that perhaps he would offer some useful opinion as to why this new installment was "dumb," but instead all I got were spoilers.

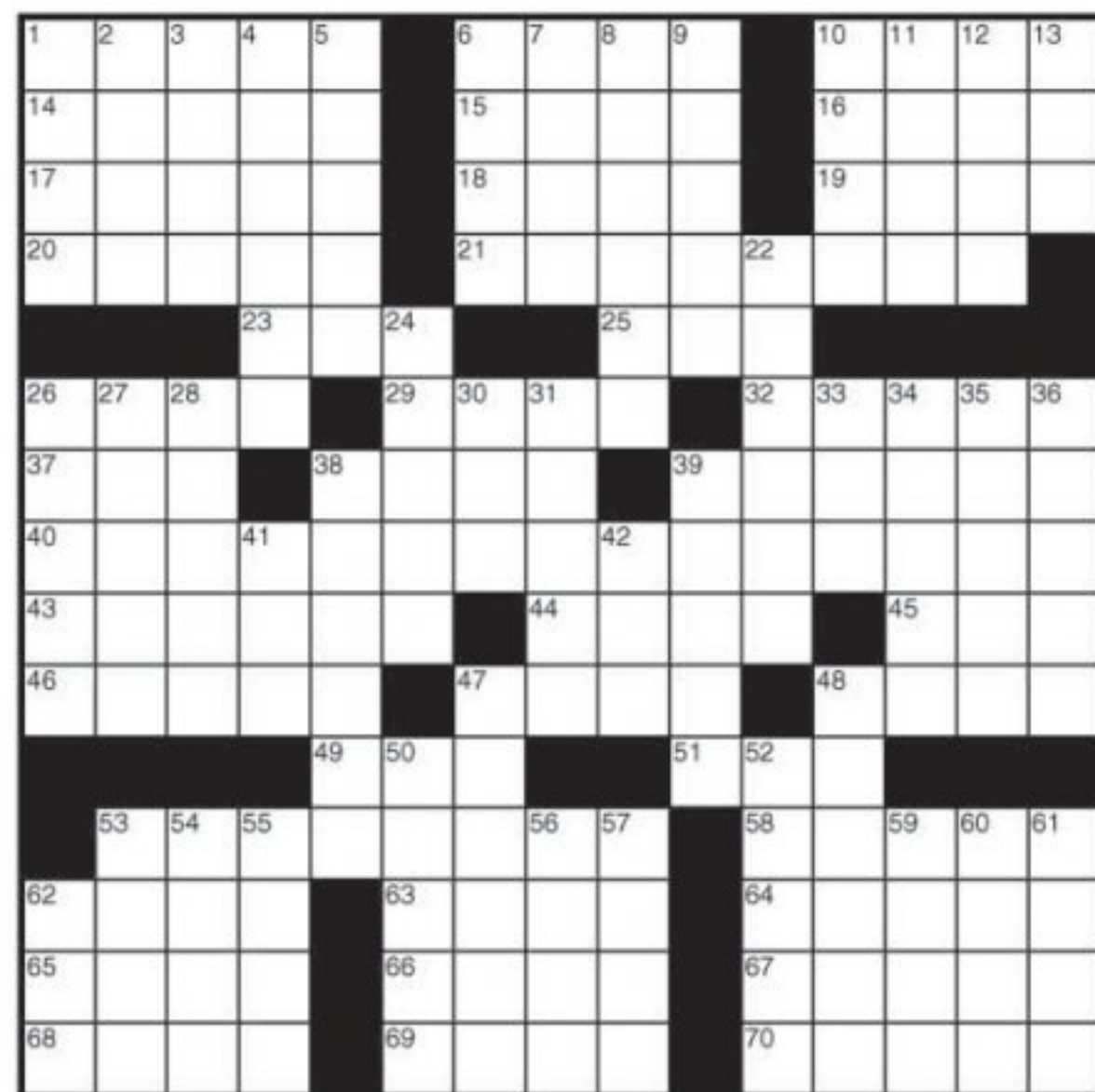
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The Phillies are 1-8 in Cole Hamels' nine starts this season. / GETTY IMAGES

# What's wrong with new ace Cole Hamels?

**MLB.** The left-handed ace was unimpressive in his ninth start this season as the Phils fell to the Indians.

The stadium was nearly empty in the eighth inning. Drew Stubbs fouled one back into the stands as a Cleveland fan bobbled and dropped the foul ball. The Phillies fans seated in the area, the few that had stuck around, let him have it.

## Tweaking out

"You go 3-2 to the whole lineup over and over, you're not going to put yourself in a good spot."

Cole Hamels, Phillies pitcher

It was one of the few times they had a chance to cheer yesterday. Then, Stubbs ripped a double — and the next batter, Jason Kipnis, launched a three-run homer off Raul Valdes. The blast capped a 10-4 defeat.

Cole Hamels (1-6) started and never got his groove back after throwing two scoreless frames. The lefty allowed five runs in five innings, often in hitter-friendly counts.

"You have to go out there and be able to execute pitches, and I wasn't doing that early on," Hamels said.

Hamels said he'll continue to tweak his mechanics. "In between every start, it's trying to get everything rock solid."



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The phone lines are ringing off the hook.

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Everyone who does is being given the 90% pure Silver Walking Liberty coin for free just by covering the Vault Bag loaded with over 100 U.S. Gov't issued coins for only \$99 as long as they call before the deadline ends.

"Coin values always fluctuate and there are never any guarantees, but those who get in on this now will be the really smart ones. Just think what some of these coins could be worth someday," said Shissler.

"So, if lines are busy keep trying, all calls will be answered," he said. ■

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# Phillies bring in Zambrano to add depth to rotation

**MLB.** The Phillies ink the controversial, yet talented, starting pitcher to a minor-league deal.

The Phillies signed volatile veteran starter Carlos Zambrano yesterday to a minor-league contract.

Let that process for a minute. Some might call it a desperate move by a desperate team. The Phils, a team in dire need of extra arms, are at least willing to see what Zambrano has left in the tank. He'll report to extended spring training in Florida.

"No promises were made," assistant GM Scott Proefrock said.

"It is just an opportunity to add to the starting



**Zambrano went 7-10 in 2012.**  
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### Wild child

Zambrano has a history of heated altercations.

- In 2007, he went after his catcher, Mike Barrett, after he let a run score on a passed ball.

pitching.”

Zambrano, 31, has a career ERA of 3.66 in 12 MLB seasons, along with a 132-91 record. He spent last season with the Miami Marlins going 7-10 with a 4.49 ERA.

Charlie Manuel said he looked good last season in Miami. The skipper said he's also reserving judgment until he sees Zambrano in a Phillies uniform. The team has until July 1 to make a decision about whether to promote him.

"My thought on it? I haven't seen him," Manuel said. "When somebody tells me somebody's doing good, and it's someone in baseball that I respect, I go, 'OK, he's doing good' ... but I like to see him for myself. I like to be the guy that looks at him and kind of gets a look at him because I might be thinking a lot different than some people."

Zambrano is known for a series of on-the-field tirades, including an intense shouting match with an umpire in 2011.



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## NFL

## Ravens' McClain retires

Ravens linebacker Rolando McClain is retiring at the ripe age of 23.

McClain, who recently signed a one-year contract, has been arrested three times in the last 11 months. In April, he was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

McClain had been touted as a possible replacement for Ray Lewis. He was the eighth overall pick in the 2010 draft. **METRO**

## NCAA

## Penn State coach defends medical care

Penn State coach Bill O'Brien disputed a report yesterday that the school doesn't provide proper medical care to its players.

Penn State recently moved longtime team doctor Wayne Sebastianelli to director of athletic medicine.

Sports Illustrated had reported the move was motivated by poor medical care. O'Brien said there was "no problem" with it last year. **METRO**



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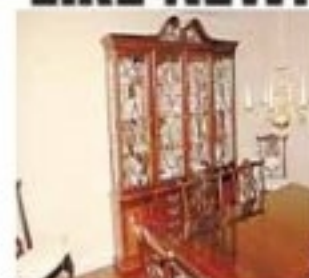
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